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AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY AIR FORCE CHAYES

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SUBJECT: RAF FAIRFORD

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1. FACER, PRIVATE SECRETARY TO MULLEY, IN CONVERSATION
WITH POL-MIL ATTACHE YESTERDAY EVENING AND AGAIN TODAY,
STRESSED IMPORTANCE MULLEY PLACES ON GOING FORWARD WITH
FAIRFORD DECISION UNLINKED TO THE SPECIFICS OF RED

HORSE. HE SAID MULLEY HAS SENT A MESSAGE TO SECDEF
WHICH PUTS UK CASE ON USE OF RED HORSE "IN PROPER
POLITICAL PERSPECTIVE."

2. EMPHASIZING THAT LOCAL OPPOSITION IN THE COTSWOLDS
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TO THE TANKER DEPLOYMENT WILL CONTINUE TO CAUSE DIFFI-
CULTIES, FACER SAID MINISTERS ARE CONVINCED THAT OPPO-
SITION WILL BE HEIGHTENED IF USAF WERE TO BE ALLOWED TO
GO AHEAD WITH AN EXPANDED RED HORSE RATHER THAN USING
LOCAL LABOR.

3. FACER ALSO STRESSED MULLEY'S DESIRE TO AVOID LOCK-

ING HORNS WITH THE TRADE UNIONS AT THIS TIME. THE PROPERTY SERVICES AGENCY HAS TAKEN SOUNDINGS WITH THE INVOLVED TRADE UNIONS AND HAS REPORTED TO MULLEY THAT IT SEES LITTLE OR NO PROSPECT OF GETTING TRADE UNION AGREEMENT TO MORE EXTENSIVE USE OF RED HORSE.

4. COMMENT: MINISTERS ARE GENUINELY CONCERNED THAT RED HORSE COULD DEVELOP INTO A CONTENTIOUS AND DIFFICULT POLITICAL ISSUE. WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF A GENERAL ELECTION WITHIN THE NEXT 4-6 MONTHS -- AND WITH THE GROWING LOCAL OPPOSITION TO TANKER DEPLOYMENT BEING STIRRED BY ENVIRONMENTALISTS AND OTHERS -- WE URGE THAT WASHINGTON NOT PRESS THE BRITISH ON RED HORSE BEYOND THE TERMS OF THE PRESENT AGREEMENT. THE FUROR CREATED BY THE CAMPAIGN AT GREENHAM COMMON, TOGETHER WITH THE PRESENT EFFORTS OF THE FAIRFORD ACTION COMMITTEE, HAVE MADE KC-135 DEPLOYMENT A SIGNIFICANTLY MORE POLITICALLY SENSITIVE MATTER THAN SIMILAR DEPLOYMENTS WERE IN THE PAST, AND HMG CLEARLY NEEDS AS MUCH ICING ON THE DEAL AS POSSIBLE TO MAKE IT GO DOWN EASIER.

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